Annual Programme Development Review (APDR) is an integral part of the World Bank assisted project. Besides, regular reviews of the National Programme are undertaken from time to time.

Diversion of forest land for construction of Motor Road in U.P.

†*129. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1005 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th December, 1999, and state:

(a) whether all the formalities regarding diversion of 63.894 hectare of forest land for construction of Kotdwar-Kalagarh-Ramnagar Motor road have been completed, with the cooperation of the Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(b) whether the Central Government have provided full information regarding this matter to the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) After completing all the formalities, Ministry has issued "in-principle" approval for diversion of 63.894 hectare of forest land for construction of Kotdwar Kalagarh-Ramnagar Motor road on 22.11.1999 subject to fulfillment of three conditions namely; transfer and mutation of equivalent non-forest land in favour of State Forest department, transfer of fund for raising compensatory afforestation over equivalent non forest land and transfer of fund for raising penal compensatory afforestation to an extent of double the area used in violation over degarded forest land.

No further informaton is required to be provided by the Central Government and now it is for the State Government to fulfil these conditions and send compliance report for issue of final approval by the Central Government under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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